Definitions

**AIS**- Aquatic Invasive Species

*Aquatic Invasive Species* - Aquatic organisms that invade ecosystems beyond their natural, historic range, and which tends to spread to a degree believed to cause damage to the environment, human economy or human health

*BioBase*- A proprietary software project used by some vendors to assist with delineating aquatic vegetation in a lake

*Board*- Board of Managers of the Clearwater River Watershed District

*BMP*- Best Management Practice

*BWSR*- Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources

*CRWD*- Clearwater River Watershed District

*DNR*- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

*Gift*- Money, property (real or personal), a service, a loan, the forbearance or forgiveness of debt, or a promise of future employment (MN Statutes 10A.071, subd. 1b)

*Interested person(s)*- A person or representative of a person or association that has a direct financial interest in a decision that a local official is authorized to make (MN Statutes 471.895, subd. 1c). Examples of interest person(s) could include:

  - Service providers (engineers, attorneys, financial advisers, contractors, salespersons)
  - Residents (special assessment levies, permitting, land use decisions)

*MAWD*- Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts

*Staff*- Defined as the CRWD administrator, assistant administrator, and any other person delegated responsibility by the CRWD administrator or assistant administrator for a role normally performed by the administrator or assistant administrator.

*Special Assessments*- A unique charge levied against real estate parcels for certain CRWD project via the county property tax system.

*SWCD*- Soil and Water Conservation District

*TAC*- Technical Advisory Committee